

The regularly scheduled council meeting of July 17, 2007 was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Darrell Kerby. Present for the meeting were Mayor Kerby, Council President Russ Docherty, Council Members Mick Mellett, and Dave Gray, Deputy Clerk Tamera Stemmene, City Administrator Stephen Boorman, Fire Chief Larry Owsley, Police Chief Dave Kramer, City Engineer Mike Klaus, and Economic Developer Mike Sloan. Also present were Don Jordan, Bob Reeves, Mike Hanson, Cindy Slane, Tom Rhinevault, David Anderson, Jay Cohn, Bob Toliver, Ralph Byquist, and Elaine Sandman from the Bonners Ferry Herald. Council Member John Langs was absent.

Mayor Kerby recessed the regular council meeting and opened the fee increase hearing for the visitor's center advertising rate. There being no public comment, the Mayor recessed the hearing and reopened the regular council meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Jay Cohn reported to the Council of the new Clock Tower process. Jay showed pictures of the towers certain advantage points. The clock tower will be white in color. The face will be a metal structure 60" round with lighted framing. The Clock Tower Committee has done research on different types of controllers and found a company out of St. Louis that sells a controller that works with a GPS satellite system. Jay said that he was going to talk to Panhandle Area Council to see about a possible grant. Jay said that they would get the ball rolling. The Council members and the Mayor thanked him for his "time". Jay said the committee meets the first and third Mondays at noon in the council room and that it is open to the public. Jay Cohn left the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Fire Chief Larry Owsley gave the fire report. The firemen had one call on Jefferson Street for heavy smoke. Larry said that it was a man using his outside wood burner to heat his pool. There was a report on Cody Street of a strong gas odor. The Chevron Station on Main Street was filling there really empty tanks causing the odor. There was a fire down on Cow Creek road next to the railroad tracks, nothing hurt. Sunday they were called out on a bird rescue. Valley View alarm had gone off twice. The school had had their annual maintenance on the system and now they are going to have to reset and clean them. Larry also said there was a fire at his house caused by the electric line, but no damage was done.

Police Chief Dave Kramer gave the police report. He said that volunteers had put in fencing at the dog pound. Northwest Academy has volunteered to help walk the dogs. Dave said that Joseph Scholten, Patrolman, is headed for the Police Academy and it is a ten week program. Dave informed the Council that there would be mandatory overtime involved. The Mayor stated that we would have to check into that more. Dave gave some crime statistics for Idaho. He stated that there is a murder every 10.4 days, every 25.7 minutes there is a crime committed against another person and every 9.6 minutes a crime against property. The City Police have the third highest arrest rate for the state. Dave announced the LEPC meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow upstairs at the visitor's center and encouraged people to attend.

The Council discussed the wind storm and considered applying for State funding. Dave Kramer stated that the Homeland Security recommended using all means to cover costs before asking the State for funding. The costs were around \$35,000.00. Mick Mellett moved to not to ask the State for wind storm funding. Russell Docherty seconded the motion, and it passed, all in favor.

Mick Mellett moved to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. The consent agenda contained the following: roll call; approval of July 17, 2007 accounts payable; approval of the Treasurer's report; approval for Judy Jeske to attend Uniform Crime Reporting Training in Meridian on August 28, 2007.

At 7:28 p.m. the Mayor recessed the regular meeting and reopened the fee increase hearing. There being no public comment, Russell Docherty moved to close the fee increase hearing. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed, all in favor.

Russell Docherty moved to adopt the building use policy for the visitor's center and advertising fees for the visitor's center as outlined. Mick Mellett seconded the motion, and it passed – Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize a parade permit to Selkirk Saddle Club for the Kootenai River Rodeo on July 28, 2007 with a waiver of the permit fee, but requiring a cleaning deposit with full refund if clean. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, all in favor.

The Mayor explained that John Youngwirth, Stephen Boorman, Kris Larson, and Sara Howe met with Horizon to discuss the finishing of the landscaping at the visitor's center. They recommend to the City Council to hire four of the Horizon people that have certain techniques with different plants as temporary city employees to work with our street department. Mick Mellett moved to hire four people from Horizon to work with the street department to finish the landscaping. Russ Docherty seconded the motion and it passed-all in favor.

Dave Gray moved to approve to go into partnership with ICRMP on the Lexipol Law Enforcement Policy Manual. Mick Mellett seconded the motion, and it passed – Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the pay request for the water tank and distribution project block grant funding. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, Mick Mellett “yes” Russ Docherty “yes” Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the DEQ funding request for phase 2 of the water project. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, Mick Mellett “yes” Russ Docherty “yes” Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to proceed with the Cabinet Mountain intertie thrust block \$4,000.00 change order. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, Mick Mellett “yes” Russ Docherty “yes” Dave Gray “yes”.

Planning and Zoning recommended to the Council to proceed with the preliminary plat on the Slane Subdivision. Mick Mellett moved to proceed with the preliminary plat on the Slane Subdivision. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed – Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

The set back variance for Bob Reeves was discussed. Bob Reeves stated that he needed to add a handicap ramp to get into the house. Russ Docherty moved to approve the set back variance for Bob Reeves with the same terms and conditions that the Planning and Zoning set and a ten foot separation from the power lines. Mick Mellett seconded the motion and it passed – Russ Docherty “yes”, Mick Mellett “yes”, Dave Gray “yes”.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize any council member to serve on the board of any organization and the city to bear those costs, also any staff member to serve with prior notice to Council. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, Mick Mellett "yes" Russ Docherty "yes" Dave Gray "yes".

Stephen Boorman filled the Council in on the sewer system at the golf course. He stated there was sewage on the ground.

Mick Mellett moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Quality Fencing & Construction, subject to proposal, to build the power plant security fence. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. It passed, Mick Mellett "yes" Russ Docherty "yes" Dave Gray "yes".

Russ Docherty moved to authorize a storage shelf, an Oreck vacuum, a free standing cabinet, and to replace the light in the storage area with a brighter one for the visitor's center. Mick Mellett seconded the motion. It passed -all in favor.

The Mayor read a letter from Zips who waived the \$46.67 charged there for the crews during the wind storm, thanking the City.

At 8:40 Mick Mellett moved to go into executive session per Idaho Code 67-2345 to discuss personnel issues. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed- Mick Mellett "yes", Russ Docherty "yes", Dave Gray "yes". At 8:50 p.m. Mick Mellett moved to go out of executive session. Russ Docherty seconded the motion. The motion passed, all in favor. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Darrell Kerby, Mayor

Attest:

Tamera Stemmene, Deputy City Clerk